



Indiana Department of Education

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Grant supporting National Board Certified Teachers and Mentors FAQ

1. **What is this grant opportunity?** The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing is pleased to announce a first time ever grant to be awarded as scholarship or mentor stipend to assist Indiana educators who are either registered to become National Board Certified, are in the process of seeking certification or who are current NBCTs who wish to serve as mentors for a teacher seeking certification. For more information: [National Board Certification](#)
2. **What is the amount of grant money available?** NBCT candidates can receive \$300 or \$600 reimbursement depending on the number of components taken within the 2016 calendar year. Mentors earn \$500 per candidate they support, up to 3 candidates.
3. **What is required to be a mentor to an NBCT candidate?** One must be a National Board Certified Teacher, commit to attending training webinars and be willing to work weekly in some capacity with the paired teacher candidate(s).
4. **What is the commitment of National Board Certification?**
There are 4 components, all of which include assessments:
 - 1.) Content Knowledge
 - 2.) Differentiation in Instruction
 - 3.) Teaching Practice and Learning Environment
 - 4.) Effective and Reflective Practitioner
5. **What are the requirements for those seeking National Board Certification?**
 - Hold a bachelor's degree (Exception: Career and Tech Ed teachers must have met the licensure requirements for the state);and
 - Have completed three full years of teaching or school counseling; and
 - Possess a valid state teaching or school counseling license (Exception: If you are teaching where a license is not required, you have taught in schools recognized and approved to operate by the state).
6. **What are the costs?**
 - Each of the 4 required components is \$475.
 - Annual registration fee of \$75.
 - There is no cost affiliated with being a mentor
7. **How long does one have to complete National Board Certification?**
All components must be completed within 3 calendar years.
8. **What is the annual timeline for National Board Certification?**
 - NBCT application deadline is January 31, 2016
 - Full payment due January 31, 2016
 - Withdrawal and refund deadline: January 31, 2016
 - Assessment center window: March – June 15, 2016
 - Scores released on or before December 31, 2016
 - **Deadline to receive an NBPTS Candidate Identification Number is November 1, 2015**

9. How does one apply for the grant?

- Here is [the Application](#)

10. When is the grant due?

- All applications must be received electronically by IDOE no later than Sunday, November 1, 2015 5:00 PM EST.
- No exceptions will be made.
- All applications/questions must be emailed to teacherleadergrant@doe.in.gov

11. Have questions?

- Join us for an information call on Thursday, October 5, 2015 at 4:00 PM EST
Call-in toll-free number: **1-877-422-1931**
Conference Code: **3950556518**